

**ITEM 148-2002-R0910**

**Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of French on Christopher P. Pinet; Montana State University – Bozeman**

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**THAT**

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Christopher P. Pinet from Montana State University, the Board of Regents wishes to express its appreciation for his service to the University, the Montana University System and the people of the State of Montana.

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**EXPLANATION**

Dr. Pinet joined the faculty of Montana State University as an Assistant Professor in 1981 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1984. He received his doctorate from Brown University in 1971.

As a teacher, Professor Pinet has excelled. He has taught all levels of the French curriculum at MSU as well as teaching students culture courses in Montpellier, France, on three separate occasions. Professor Pinet's dedication to his students is well known to all in the Department and he has received many teaching awards (Chamber of Commerce, President's Teaching Award, and others) in his almost 30 years at MSU. Students have consistently praised his enthusiasm, dedication, and vast knowledge and passion for the French language and culture. They also admire the challenging nature of his courses within a supportive classroom environment. Students appreciate his ability to balance the development of language skills as well as their critical thinking skills.

Professor Pinet has published many scholarly articles and given over 70 national and international talks on a variety of subjects ranging from the roots of French farce and comedy to French popular culture and politics. He served as managing editor and then Editor in Chief of the *French Review* from 1998-2010, the most widely distributed scholarly journal of French and Francophone studies in the world. He has also served on other important editorial boards. Finally, Professor Pinet was recently awarded the designation of "Officier" in the French Order of Academic Palms for his career researching French culture.

Professor Pinet has served on many, many committees serving the department, the college, the university, and the state. He has served on all levels of promotion and tenure, salary review, sabbatical, search committees, NEH panels, Office of International Studies, MLL Executive Committee, the Montana Committee for the Humanities, and many more. He remains active in his profession as a member of the American Association of Teachers of French, the Alliance Française, the Modern Language Association, and the Montana Education Association.

For these and other contributions, the Board of Regents of Higher Education is pleased to confer upon Dr. Chris Pinet the rank of Professor Emeritus of French at Montana State University, and wishes him well for many years in the future.